Name of the Line	Owned by	Worked by
1. Central Provinces Railway consisting of	Central Provinces Railways Company Ltd.	Central Railway.
(i) Murtizapur—Achalpur		
(ii) Murtizapur—Yavatmal		
(iii) Pulgaon—Arvi.		
2. Bankura—Damodar River Railway.	Bankura—Damodar River Railway Company Ltd.	South Eastern Railway.
3. Ahmedpur—Katwa Railway.	Ahmedpur—Katwa Railway Company Ltd.	Eastern Railway.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise,

(e) In terms of the existing agreements, the Government has an option recurring at intervals of ten years to purchase these lines. The question of taking over these lines was considered individually in 1986. It was noted that these Railways were incurring recurring losses. Besides, in the areas served by these lines, competing road services were available in a large measure. It was not, therefore, considered opportune to exercise the option.

Electricity supply in Palam Colony

1366. SHRI RAM CHANDRA VIKAL: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to State;

(a) what is the policy regarding supply of electricity to unauthorised colonies such as Rajnagar, Palam Colony, in New Delhi/Delhi; and

(b) what is the consumers obligations in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MURASOLl MARAN); (a) and (b) A colony (pre-1981) becomes eligible for the provision of electricity Subject to payment of prescribed development charges by the residents of the colony.

Clearance of slums in Turkman Gate

1367. SHRI VISHWA BANDHU GUFrA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state;

(a) whether it is a fact that a clearance operation from Ajmere Gate to Delhi Gate including the property No. 2086JX, Turkman Gate, Delhi was undertaken by DDA, Slum Wing, during the 1981 and more than 60 per cent families were shifted to Govindpuri, Kalkaji, New Delhi and at various places;

(b) whether it is also a fact that remaining families at Property No. 2086 were given a written assurance to accommodate them within three kilometre radious very shortly but have not been accommodated so far even after declaring this property as dangerous;

(c) whether it is a further fact that the land worth of crores of rupees was vacated after this operation and the same vacant land was either grabbed or sold illegally to outsiders by some persons as a result created further slum and no action hfis been taken by DDA Slum Wing; and

(d) if so. whether any time bound action plan has been fixed to rehabilitate to them?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Some encroachments have been detected and legal action for their eviction/removal has been taken.

(d) No specific time limit is possible since rehabilitation of the remaining families depends upon the availability of land under encroachment.

Demand for linking Chandigarh with the main line through Ludhiana

1368. SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL; Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the long standing demand to link Chandigarh with the main line through Ludhiana; and

(b) if so, whether Government propose to undertake this project and if so, by when?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDAS); (a) and (b) Chandigarh is already linked to Ludhiana *via* main line through Ambala.

Reviewing of crop insurance scheme

1369. SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL; Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to reviewing the Crop Insurance Scheme; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE, DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI DEVI LAL); (a) and (b) No, Sir. The Government have already conducted a review of the Comprehensive Crop Insurance Scheme (COS) and **the** following changes were introduced in the Scheme with effect from Kharif 1988; —

(a) The sum insured would he limi-**. ted** to Rs. 10 000/- per farmer irrespective of the quantum of loan taken by the farmer.

(b) The total sum insured would be limited to 100 per cent of the crop loan.

Besides, from Rabi 1988-89 in addition to these changes, the level of indemnity for various crops was altered as per the following details: —

Category	Variation in yield	Indemnity
Low	. Upto l5%	90%
Medium	16—30%	80%
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Procurement of foodgrains in Punjab

1370. SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL; Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state;

(a) what was the quantity of different foodgrains procured by the Central agencies from Punjab during each of the last three years; and

(b) what percentage of the national food kitty did these procurements account for?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI NATHU RAM MIRDHA): (a) and (b) Statement attached. *[See* Appendix CLIII, Annexure No. 58].

Attaching of second class bogies with the Shatabdi Express

1371. SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL; Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state;

(a) whether there is any rethinking on the question of providing one or two second class bogies with the Shatabdi Express running between New Delhi and Chandigarh; and

(b) if not, what are the reasons therefor and what do Government propose **to**